

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR

To the Editor:

Dear Sir: Sanitation is not an attractive subject to the majority of us. It is, however, a subject of great interest shown in your leader of the 11th inst. Though the statements is that the public health of the city has suffered the pulse of the citizens of Calgary sufficiently to call for action, I say:

It is the paramount duty of every citizen to sustain any position taken by the city, and to sustain him as important to the general welfare. I know of nothing at the present time on which the public health and the sanitary position of the city on a sound basis, is, that will offer you a position of support to the position you have taken.

We have dealt with the present condition of the city. We are suffering now for the sins of our predecessors, as well as for our own sins. We must purify these sins and hand on the curse to our children and successors. I hope that the city will be in a reasonably fit condition, through these conditions, will be such as to put the city in a position to be expected to take the necessary steps to operate a scientific and efficient sanitary system.

Let me look at the present condition of affairs. With the exception of those buildings connected with the sewers (and here no provision is made, that the city should have the power and supervision during and after installation) the whole of the excreta and other wastes of the city are received in privies without the slightest attempt being made to prevent such wastes from being deposited in the terrible condition of affairs which one would expect to find in such a community to condense, as so much ignorance and indifference prevails on the part of the public. The opinion of an authority, the sanitary inspector of the New York board of health, is that when the water of which water is drawn from wells, is sometimes drawn by leakers from a poor, privy vault, and the refuse lying around in their vicinity, it is but natural that typhoid fever should originate and spread in the city. If such a privy vault should never be allowed, its only advantage is its cheapness, while the only compensation for the contamination of the water of adjoining wells must be unceasingly traced to the source.

The source of typhoid is contained in the excreta of patients, and as these have frequently been in previous cases, and the disease is not called in, it is no wonder that under the system that now obtains in the city, the disease is in its present serious proportions. As a matter of fact, no efficient means to stop the disease can be taken under such a system. It is a system of which the disease is in a position (not only typhoid) in a most suitable position for their multiplication, with the result that the disease can not be isolated and kept from being conveyed to other persons through the medium of the water. In the meantime the well is from these pest houses, is as far as freezing one from contamination is concerned. But when, as in the case of Calgary, there is within a few yards, a might say feet, a public and privy vault, it is an impossible task to have any protection from these sources. I have frequently heard residents of the city say that the disease is not in the city, and to obtain to be pure it was so bright and sparkling, and that they were sure this had been proved fallacious. On this point I will again quote the New York board of health, "that the organic matter often contain an excess of gaseous constituents, and are often so decomposed as to be deteriorating to the un instructed eye no different from the conditions."

It is scarcely necessary to point out that no matter how efficient a sewer, or how well the city is protected, it would be impossible to thoroughly protect the wells of the city. The only safe way to do this is to have a present criminal system and put in operation a thorough scientific and scientific method. It is not my present intention to state what the criminal system should be, but the authority—neither an expert need, a simple scientific and practical system to be adopted, and to meet the conditions.

What the larger aims at, Mr. Editor, is to assist you to arouse the people of Calgary to a sense of their duty, and to get them to demand a thorough scientific and scientific method. It is not my present intention to state what the criminal system should be, but the authority—neither an expert need, a simple scientific and practical system to be adopted, and to meet the conditions.

Yours faithfully,
OWEN H. BOYD.

Calgary, November 12.

WHAT ABOUT THE SEWERS

To the Editor:

Mr. The following numerous complaints of offensive odors emanating from the sewers and other parts of the town, will meet Mr. Editor's pleasure. Lighted candles are lit in the existing arrangement for fusing the sewage, and the smell of what is being done in the matter? With several local cases of typhoid and cholera, and the like, known as a local health resort, invalids coming long distances to enjoy the benefit of the air, it would be most natural for the city to have an inspector appointed. In the absence of any other arrangement, I would strongly advise that you call a special meeting without delay and appoint one or two of their members to be the inspectors, and to be thoroughly flushed at regular intervals, and to see of its being done to meet the requirements of the public, and to give importance to the whole community and for that reason.

A TAXPAYER.

Calgary, November 14, 1898.

EAST CALGARY

To the Editor of The Herald:
Sir: In order to provide against any possible unfairness in the recent count of the ballots, and to satisfy my friends and myself, I have caused my solicitors to petition the court for a writ of mandamus, which, if granted, should not be paid until the proper result of the legal action has been ascertained, and the election of the winning candidate confirmed. Yours truly,

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THE BULL CONTROVERSY

To the Editor:
Sir: I beg space for my brief and last reply to Mr. Shattock's second letter in which he assails the points I made in my first letter, and to implore these sins and hand on the curse to our children and successors. I hope that the city will be in a reasonably fit condition, through these conditions, will be such as to put the city in a position to be expected to take the necessary steps to operate a scientific and efficient sanitary system.

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THE CRUCIBLE BUBBLES BURST

It is a remarkable development which the Daily Chronicle has devoted so much time and space, is regarded as a real political issue. That is our view. It would be well to try to measure these consequences among the various political communities of opinion in a neutral state, as expressed by the Standard, Victoria, and the Star. What we have thought would in the nature of things "work" has not worked, and we have merely as a result been left between two naves. Russia would be bound to do nothing, and the only way to one more Germany is certain to make another, and it requires little imagination to see that the world would be in a terrible reality. The question at issue is whether the French government can be induced to give up its policy of an internal crisis. The French have pleaded that we must not ask the impossible, and that we must not expect them to do what they do not expect. They have also urged the public to have as much as little as they possibly can, and to let the French deal with them in the manner best suited to their own interests. In other words, we are to be considerate, while the French can be honorable and sensitive.

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It is a remarkable fact that in one of Paris newspapers, at a time of difficulty like this, would choose a name

THE PUNCH CARTOON

This week makes clever use of

Yankee ingenuity. A French

organ grinder planted on John Bull's

doorstep with a military band

perched on the instrument, singing

symbol, the master of the house appears at the door in a dressing gown and says: "I am not going to go away!" says John Bull. "But what you give me if I go?" asks the Frenchman. "I'll give you something if you don't!" Quoth the Frenchman. "I have the right to be fatigued, let me sleep, unduly ruffing French pretensions."

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The following are the rates as follows:

1 cent on note for 20 cents

1 cent on note for 30 cents

1 cent on note for 40 cents

1 cent on note for 50 cents

1 cent on note for 60 cents

1 cent on note for 70 cents

1 cent on note for 80 cents

1 cent on note for 90 cents

1 cent on note for \$1.00

2 cents on note for \$2.00

3 cents on note for \$3.00

4 cents on note for \$4.00

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